

Canine Studies



Open College Network
courses for dog enthusiasts

How do I join the course ?


You can enrol, *during term time*:

AT BLOSSOMFIELD
8am-8pm Monday-Thursday
8am-5pm Friday

AT WOODLANDS
8.30am-7pm
8.30am-5pm

Outside term time:

AT BLOSSOMFIELD/(WOODLANDS)
8am(8.30am)-5.30pm Monday-Thursday
8am(8.30am)-4.30pm Friday

If you have any other queries about the course or enrolment then please contact Student Information Services on
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Canine Studies
Term 1 Canine Behaviour
Term 2 Canine Care and Welfare
Term 3 Teaching Dogs
3 OCN Units

All you ever wanted to know about dogs..... ..and more



Introduction

This course is for dog enthusiasts who want to learn more about our canine companions – for personal interest or for work. It provides opportunities for you and your dog to learn together in and out of the classroom. The course supports the Kennel Club Accreditation Scheme for Instructors in Dog Training and Canine Behaviour.

What will be covered in the course?

There are 3 units:

Unit 1: Canine Behaviour (starting September 2009)

Origins and history of the dog and the effects of human selection
Roles of dogs in society
Drives and breed differences
Canine social structure and communication
Understanding mental health and stress
Developmental stages of the dog

Unit 2: Canine Care and Welfare (starting January 2010)

Anatomy and physiology
Health and illness
Preventative health care
First aid
Grooming
Nutrition

Unit 3 Teaching Dogs (starting April 2010)

How dogs learn
Planning reward-based training sessions
Evaluating teaching and learning
Practical training sessions

How is the course taught?

Sessions consist of lectures, group work, practicals (sometimes working outside with the dogs), and visits. Friendly informal classes

Assessment

If you wish to take the OCN Certificate there are a variety of written and practical assignments to be completed each term There are no exams..



Qualifications

Certificates awarded to successful candidates:
Open College Network Level 2 for successful completion of coursework
Or College Certificate on course completion

How long does the course last and when are the classes offered?

Evening Class

Runs on Thursday evenings 7-9 pm

Each unit is completed in one term—you can complete 1, 2 or 3 units

Start dates: Thursday 11th September 2009


Thursday 14th January 2010

Thursday 22nd April 2010

How much does the course cost?

Course fees: c. £105 per unit (to be confirmed)

For information on what concessions, reductions or additional funding may be available to help meet the study costs contact the Student Information Centre

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What do I need to join the course?

For Units 1 and 2 there are no formal requirements. However you will need to attend regularly. If you wish to take the OCN certificate you will need to complete the written and practical assignments

For Unit 3 you will need to have a dog to train on a regular basis at home and at college.

